

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An optical communication module that emits laser light having a wavelength depending on temperature and power intensity, comprising:
 - a laser light emitting unit that emits the laser light;
 - a temperature control unit that controls the temperature of the laser light emitting unit;
 - 10 a power intensity control unit that controls the power intensity of the laser light emitted from the laser light emitting unit; and
 - a setting value storage unit that stores a setting value determined from an optimum power intensity that maintains a predetermined wavelength and satisfies predetermined temperature conditions and predetermined power intensity conditions, and from an optimum temperature that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions;
 - 20 the temperature control unit and the power intensity control unit controlling the temperature and the power intensity of the laser light emitting unit, based on the setting value stored in the setting value storage unit.
2. The optical communication module as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
 - 30 the laser light emitting unit can vary wavelengths; and
 - the setting value storage unit stores a setting value for each of the wavelengths.
3. The optical communication module as claimed in claim 1, comprising two or more laser light emitting units, each of which being the same as the laser light

emitting unit, two or more temperature control units,
each of which being the same as the temperature control
unit, and two or more power intensity control units,
each of which being the same as the power intensity
5 control unit.

4. The optical communication module as claimed
in claim 1, wherein:

the temperature control unit includes a
10 temperature sensor provided in a laser module into
which laser diodes are incorporated, a cooling/heating
device provided in the laser module, and a temperature
drive circuit for driving the cooling/heating device so
that a temperature detected by the temperature sensor
15 satisfies the setting value; and

the power intensity control unit includes a
photodetector provided inside and/or outside the laser
module, a laser drive circuit for inputting drive
current to the laser diodes, and a power intensity
20 control circuit for controlling the laser drive circuit
so that a power intensity detected by the photodetector
satisfies the setting value.

5. A wavelength locker module that causes
25 laser light emitted from a laser module to maintain a
predetermined wavelength, comprising:

a temperature control unit that controls the
temperature of the laser module;

a power intensity control unit that controls the
30 power intensity of the laser light emitted from the
laser module; and

a setting value storage unit that stores a
setting value determined from an optimum power
intensity that maintains the predetermined wavelength
35 and satisfy predetermined temperature conditions and
predetermined power intensity conditions, and from an
optimum temperature that maintains the predetermined

wavelength and satisfy the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions,

5 the temperature control unit and the power intensity control unit controlling the temperature and the power intensity of the laser module, based on the setting value stored in the setting value storage unit, to thereby cause the laser light to maintain the predetermined wavelength.

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6. The wavelength locker module as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

the laser module includes a variable-wave laser; and

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the setting value storage unit stores a setting value for each wavelength.

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7. The wavelength locker module as claimed in claim 5, comprising two or more temperature control units, each of which being the same as the temperature control unit, and two or more power intensity control units, each of which being the same as the power intensity control unit.

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8. The wavelength locker module as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

the temperature control unit includes a temperature monitor circuit for monitoring the temperature of the laser module based on a temperature sensor provided in the laser module, a cooling/heating device drive circuit for driving a cooling/heating device provided in the laser module, and a temperature control circuit for controlling the cooling/heating device drive circuit so that the temperature monitored by the temperature monitor circuit satisfies the setting value; and

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the power intensity control unit includes a

photodetector provided inside and/or outside the laser module, a laser drive circuit for inputting drive current to laser diodes, and a power intensity control circuit for controlling the laser drive circuit so that
5 a power intensity detected by the photodetector satisfies the setting value.

9. A setting value generating device that generates such a setting value that causes laser light
10 emitted from a laser module to have a predetermined wavelength and satisfies predetermined temperature conditions and predetermined power intensity conditions,

the setting value generating device comprising:

an optimum power intensity calculating unit that
15 calculates an optimum power intensity that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions;

an optimum temperature calculating unit that
20 calculates an optimum temperature that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions; and

a setting value generating unit that generates
25 the setting value based on the optimum power intensity calculated by the optimum power intensity calculating unit and the optimum temperature calculated by the optimum temperature calculating unit.

30 10. The setting value generating device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

a relational expression defining unit that defines a relational expression between a temperature and a power intensity that causes the laser module to
35 maintain the predetermined wavelength; and

a power intensity upper and lower limit calculating/defining unit that calculates or defines an

upper limit value and a lower limit value of a power intensity that satisfies the relational expression and also satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions,

5 wherein:

 the optimum power intensity calculating unit calculates the optimum power intensity that is the middle value between the upper limit value and the lower limit value of the power intensity defined by the
10 power intensity upper and lower limit calculating/defining unit; and

 the optimum temperature calculating unit substitutes the optimum power intensity calculated by the optimum power intensity calculating unit in the
15 relational expression defined by the relational expression defining unit, to thereby calculate the optimum temperature.

 11. The setting value generating device as
20 claimed in claim 10, wherein:

 the laser module can vary wavelengths; and
 the setting value is generated in relation with each of the wavelengths.

 25 12. The setting value generating device as claimed in claim 9, the laser module being able to vary wavelengths, further comprising:

 a shortest wavelength relational expression defining unit that defines a shortest wavelength
30 relational expression that represents the relationship between a temperature and a power intensity for causing the laser module to maintain a shortest predetermined wavelength:

 a longest wavelength relational expression
35 defining unit that defines a longest wavelength relational expression that represents the relationship between a temperature and a power intensity for causing

the laser module to maintain a longest predetermined wavelength;

5 a power intensity upper limit value
calculating/defining unit that calculates or defines an
upper limit value of a power intensity that satisfies
the shortest wavelength relational expression and also
satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and
the predetermined power intensity conditions; and

10 a power intensity lower limit value
calculating/defining unit that calculates or defines a
lower limit value of a power intensity that satisfies
the longest wavelength relational expression and also
satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and
the predetermined power intensity conditions,

15 wherein:

the optimum power intensity calculating unit
calculates the optimum power intensity, which is the
middle value between the upper limit value of the power
intensity determined by the power intensity upper limit
20 value calculating/defining unit and the lower limit
value of the power intensity determined by the power
intensity lower limit value calculating/defining unit;

the optimum temperature calculating unit
calculates the optimum temperature with respect to the
25 shortest predetermined wavelength and/or the longest
predetermined wavelength by substituting the optimum
power intensity, calculated by the optimum power
intensity calculating unit, in the shortest wavelength
relational expression and/or the longest wavelength
30 relational expression; and

the setting value generating unit generates the
setting value for all predetermined wavelengths, based
on the optimum power intensity and the optimum
temperature calculated with respect to the shortest
35 predetermined wavelength or the longest predetermined
wavelength.

13. The setting value generating device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising
a setting value storage unit that stores the setting value generated by the setting value generating
5 unit,

wherein:

the laser module contains unique identification information; and

10 the setting value storage unit relates the setting value to the unique identification information, and stores the setting value.

14. A method of generating a setting value in an information processing device that generates such a
15 setting value that causes laser light emitted from a laser module to have a predetermined wavelength, and satisfies predetermined temperature conditions and predetermined power intensity conditions,

the method comprising the steps of:

20 calculating an optimum power intensity that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions;

25 calculating an optimum temperature that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions; and

30 generating the setting value based on the optimum power intensity and the optimum temperature calculated in the foregoing steps.

15. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

35 defining a relational expression between a temperature and a power intensity that cause the laser module to maintain the predetermined wavelength; and
calculating or defining an upper limit value and

a lower limit value of a power intensity that satisfies the relational expression and also satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions,

5 wherein:

 the step of calculating the optimum power intensity includes calculating the middle value between the upper limit value and the lower limit value of the output value, the middle value being the optimum power
10 intensity; and

 the step of calculating the optimum temperature includes substituting the optimum power intensity in the relational expression, to thereby obtain the optimum temperature.

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16. The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein:
 the laser module can vary wavelengths; and
 the setting value is generated in relation with each of the wavelengths.

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17. The method as claimed in claim 14, the laser module being able to vary wavelengths, further comprising the steps of:

 defining a shortest wavelength relational
25 expression that represents the relationship between a temperature and a power intensity for causing the laser module to maintain a shortest predetermined wavelength;

 defining a longest wavelength relational
 expression that represents the relationship between a
30 temperature and a power intensity for causing the laser module to maintain a longest predetermined wavelength;

 calculating or defining an upper limit value of a power intensity that satisfies the shortest wavelength expression and also satisfies the predetermined
35 temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions; and

 calculating or defining a lower limit value of a

power intensity that satisfies the longest wavelength relational expression and also satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions,

5 wherein:

 the step of calculating the optimum power intensity includes calculating the middle value between the upper limit value of the power intensity determined in the step of calculating or defining the power
10 intensity upper limit value, and the lower limit value of the power intensity determined in the step of calculating or defining the power intensity lower limit value, the middle value representing the optimum power intensity;

15 the step of calculating the optimum temperature includes substituting the optimum power intensity, calculated in the step of calculating the optimum power intensity, in the shortest wavelength relational expression and/or the longest wavelength relational
20 expression, to thereby calculate the optimum temperature with respect to the shortest predetermined wavelength and/or longest predetermined wavelength; and

 the step of generating the setting value includes generating the setting value for all predetermined
25 wavelengths, based on the optimum power intensity and the optimum temperature calculated with respect to the shortest predetermined wavelength or the longest predetermined wavelength.

30 18. The method as claimed in claim 14,
 the laser module containing unique identification information,

 the method further comprising the step of
 storing the setting value that is related to the
35 unique identification information.

19. A program product for causing a computer to

generate such a setting value that causes laser light emitted from a laser module to have a predetermined wavelength and satisfies predetermined temperature conditions and predetermined power intensity conditions,

5 the program product comprising:

instructions for calculating an optimum power intensity that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions;

10 instructions for calculating an optimum temperature that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions; and

instructions for generating the setting value
15 based on the optimum power intensity calculated in accordance with the optimum power intensity calculating instructions, and the optimum temperature calculated in accordance with the optimum temperature calculating instructions.

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20. The program product as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:

instructions for defining a relational expression between a temperature and a power intensity that cause
25 the laser module to maintain the predetermined wavelength; and

instructions for calculating or defining an upper limit value and a lower limit value of a power intensity that satisfies the relational expression and
30 also satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions,

the optimum power intensity calculating instructions include an instruction for calculating the middle value between the upper limit value and the
35 lower limit value of the power intensity calculated in accordance with the instructions for calculating or defining the power intensity upper and lower values,

the middle value being the optimum power intensity; and
the optimum temperature calculating instructions
include an instruction for substituting the optimum
power intensity, calculated in accordance with the
instructions for calculating the optimum power
intensity, in the relational expression defined in
accordance with the instructions for defining the
relational expression.

21. The program product as claimed in claim 20,
further comprising instructions for generating the
setting value in relation to each predetermined
wavelength that the laser module can have, the laser
module being able to vary wavelengths.

22. The program product as claimed in claim 19,
further comprising:

instructions for defining a shortest wavelength
relational expression that represents the relationship
between a temperature and a power intensity for causing
the laser module to maintain a shortest predetermined
wavelength;

instructions for defining a longest wavelength
relational expression that represents the relationship
between a temperature and a power intensity for causing
the laser module to maintain a longest predetermined
wavelength;

instructions for calculating or defining an upper
limit value of a power intensity that satisfies the
shortest wavelength relational expression and also
satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and
the predetermined power intensity conditions; and

instructions for calculating or defining a lower
limit value of a power intensity that satisfies the
longest wavelength relational expression and also
satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and
the predetermined power intensity conditions,

the computer executing all the forgoing instructions,

wherein:

the optimum power intensity is calculated as the
5 middle value between the upper limit value of the power
intensity determined in accordance with the
instructions for calculating or defining the power
intensity upper limit value, and the lower limit value
of the power intensity determined in accordance with
10 the instructions for calculating or defining the power
intensity lower limit value;

the optimum temperature with respect to the
shortest predetermined wavelength and/or the longest
predetermined wavelength is calculated by substituting
15 the optimum power intensity, calculated in accordance
with the instructions for calculating the optimum power
intensity, in the shortest wavelength relational
expression and/or the longest wavelength relational
expression; and

20 the setting value is generated for all
predetermined wavelengths, based on the optimum power
intensity and the optimum temperature calculated with
respect to the shortest predetermined wavelength or the
longest predetermined wavelength.

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23. The program product as claimed in claim 19,
further comprising instructions for storing the setting
value that is related to unique identification
information allocated to the laser module.

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24. A recording medium on which a program for
causing a computer to generate such a setting value
that causes laser light emitted from a laser module to
have a predetermined wavelength and satisfies
35 predetermined temperature conditions and predetermined
power intensity conditions, is recorded,

the program comprising:

instructions for calculating an optimum power intensity that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions;

5 instructions for calculating an optimum temperature that maintains the predetermined wavelength and satisfies the predetermined temperature conditions and the predetermined power intensity conditions; and

10 instructions for generating the setting value based on the optimum power intensity calculated in accordance with the optimum power intensity calculating instructions and the optimum temperature calculated in accordance with the optimum temperature calculating instructions.

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